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Reconditioning Setup Slammed, Upheld in Poll

Reconditioning—that program designed to develop better physical and mental equipment for wounded servicemen—also was subjected to a barrage of criticisms in the survey made at McGuire in which patients were invited to speak their minds.

The service, under the direction of Major William J. Darrough, should be put on a voluntary basis some patients complained, while others even went so far as to say "Cut it out" and "It stinks."

To all these indictments, two of which charged that reconditioning is a "Waste of time" and that "It does not help at all," Major Darrough fired right back with some strong language of his own.

Reconditioning is virtually on a voluntary basis, although one hour of physical reconditioning and one hour of selected activity, educational or pre-vocational, are compulsory, he pointed out.

"Those possessing little skill or education are seemingly desirous of following the line of least resistance," he declared.

Patients most interested in the reconditioning program are those who already have fairly substantial educational backgrounds, Major Darrough commented.

It was suggested that a ward or room nearer the center of the hospital be equipped as a gymnasium because the main gym, although good, is too far away. To this, Major Darrough replied that the Red Cross auditorium and an out-door area (for use in good weather) are used for exercising patients unable to walk to the gymnasium.

Furthermore, buses were scheduled to carry patients to the gymnasium, but the arrangement was discontinued because patients were not taking advantage of the service, he said.

"Apparently those raising the issue are either too lazy or not sufficiently interested in their own welfare to take advantage of the facilities," Major Darrough charged.

"Get a definite program for amputees in the gym," some patients suggested, and Major Darrough answered that there is a definite program, with leg amputees scheduled at 10 A.M. and arm amputees at 3 P.M.

Patients complained that physical therapy does not count toward reconditioning and Major Darrough replied that, according to directives, P. T. is not to be considered as reconditioning.

However, he said this ruling has been liberalized to the extent that McGuire patients taking both physical therapy and reconditioning are given credit for participation in reconditioning if, because of conflicting schedules, they go to physical therapy.

Major Darrough referred to an especially important phase of reconditioning now functioning, that of vocational counseling under a highly trained staff designed to furnish job information covering every field of endeavor.

The complaints on reconditioning, incidentally, completed the "gripe" series throughout the hospital and commented upon in THE BANNER.

Water Water! . . .

In a joint operation, the Army and Navy combined facilities in Elkhart, Ind. to quench a fire at a local tavern.

A soldier and sailor, strolling down the city's main street observed flames licking thirstily at the back bar. The two GIs broke through the front window, rushed to the bar and put out the flames with beer glasses full of water.

Will Help VA Rule Hospital Policies

Medical and surgical consultants for the Veterans Administration have decided to appoint 250 deputies to help carry out basic policies arranged for veterans' hospitals. The deputies will be physicians, surgeons and specialists of the thirteen VA areas.

The first meeting of the consultants was held this week, and Brig. Gen. Elliott C. Cutler, chief of the group, said the system of deputies had been devised to make certain that standards of practice set up for the hospitals were "maintained in the field."

"We will get the best men we can get, and expect them to make regular visits to the hospitals and then report to us," General Cutler stated.

The deputies would serve on a part-time basis, he added, because the type of men "we want" could not afford to give up their private practice to work full time.

The consultants, each of whom will have thirteen deputies under the plan, are all World War II veterans who are specialists in more than a dozen departments of medical and surgical practice, including thoracic and plastic surgery, ophthalmology and radiology. They have been appointed within the last month by Maj. Gen. Paul R. Hawley, acting VA Surgeon General.

General Cutler declared that the consultants wanted hospitals so organized and equipped that they would run smoothly and efficiently.

"And then," he added, "they want to keep them running that way. This takes follow-up work, which our deputies will help us do."

Better hospital reports are other subjects being discussed by the consultants.

New Medical Plan Set by VA for Vets

A plan by which vets may be treated by their own physicians, with the Veterans Administration paying the bills under a standardized schedule of fees, was approved by the Council of the Medical Society of the State of New York. The plan was tried successfully in Monmouth County, N. J., and is being tested in Michigan.

The program permits ex-servicemen to pick their physicians, and take necessary treatment, relieving VA hospitals and staff of their present overload. The VA contemplates, it was said, permitting vets to be privately hospitalized under the care of their own physicians.

First 100 To Get Oyster Roast Bid

Patients and detachment personnel are urged by the Red Cross to avail themselves of an invitation extended to the first hundred persons who register for an oyster roast at the English Tavern in Richmond.

The oyster roast will be served at 2:30 p.m. this Sunday at the popular eating place in town by Mr. Peaco, manager of the tavern. Transportation will be furnished by the Red Cross and will leave from the recreation hall at 2:00 pm.



MAJ. GEN. NORMAN T. KIRK—The Surgeon General will visit McGuire tomorrow in what is believed to be his last appearance at the hospital prior to its being turned over to the Veterans Administration.

Bank Facility Here to End February 28

In view of the impending transfer of McGuire General Hospital to the Veterans Administration, it has been determined by the War and Treasury Departments that the banking facility of The Bank of Virginia shall be terminated on February 28th. Accordingly, acting upon instruction from the War and Treasury Departments, The Bank of Virginia must close its facility at the hospital on that date.

The Bank of Virginia, however, states that it will continue to offer banking services for the personnel and patients of the hospital at its Main Office at 8th and Main Streets, Richmond, Virginia. Inasmuch as the bookkeeping for accounts for the personnel and patients of the hospital has always been done at the Main Office it will not be necessary for any steps to be taken to transfer the accounts from the banking facility at the hospital to the Main Office. All pass-books, checkbooks and other forms in the hands of customers of the McGuire facility of the bank can be used at the Main Office.

The Bank of Virginia will continue to serve all patrons stationed at the hospital in every way except that no facilities will be available at the hospital for cashing checks or making deposits.

For those who may find it inconvenient to go into town to transact their banking business personally, the bank offers its regular "Bank-by-Mail Service". By using this service deposits to regular savings accounts, checking accounts, Christmas Club accounts and loans may be made by mailing deposits to the bank. Special envelopes and forms for Banking by Mail will be available during February at the bank facility in the hospital.

It is the hope of the bank that all persons who now have business with them will continue to avail themselves of its services at its Main Office.

Golf for Veterans

Golf cures many ills, especially mental weariness. That's straight from the Veterans Administration, which announces that 19 of its hospitals already have courses and 6 more are being installed.

MCV Picks Physicians To Attend VA Patients

With the transfer of control over McGuire from the War Department to the Veterans Administration on April 1, the professional care of the patients here will be the responsibility of a committee of Richmond physicians appointed by the dean of the Medical College of Virginia Medical School, it was announced locally this week.

5000 ASTP-Trained Medics to Report

More than 5000 young medical officers, trained by ASTP and now serving internship, will be called to active duty on July 1 to replace Medical Corps officers who are eligible for discharge, the WD announced.

About 3300 EM in the specialized training program will graduate by that time but won't be called to active duty until they have completed internships.

GIs in ASTP now taking freshmen, sophomore, and junior medical courses will be separated from the program in March. Those who decide to continue medical studies will be transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps, and those who don't will be given other military assignments.

VA Begins Work On Local Setup

Officials of the Richmond branch of the Veterans Administration are temporarily at work in the VA central office in Washington recruiting personnel and setting up the organization for the office to be established in Richmond.

According to the officials, applications for positions with the VA branch office are being received by the personnel staff already at work in Richmond.

The Richmond branch office will supervise VA operations in Virginia, District of Columbia, Maryland, West Virginia and North Carolina regional offices.

Dr. Jacques P. Gray, dean of the school, in making the announcement indicated that the attending and consulting staff at McGuire will be appointed from members of the MCV faculty who have returned from service in this war and who have in general been certified by the board of their specialties or qualified for certification.

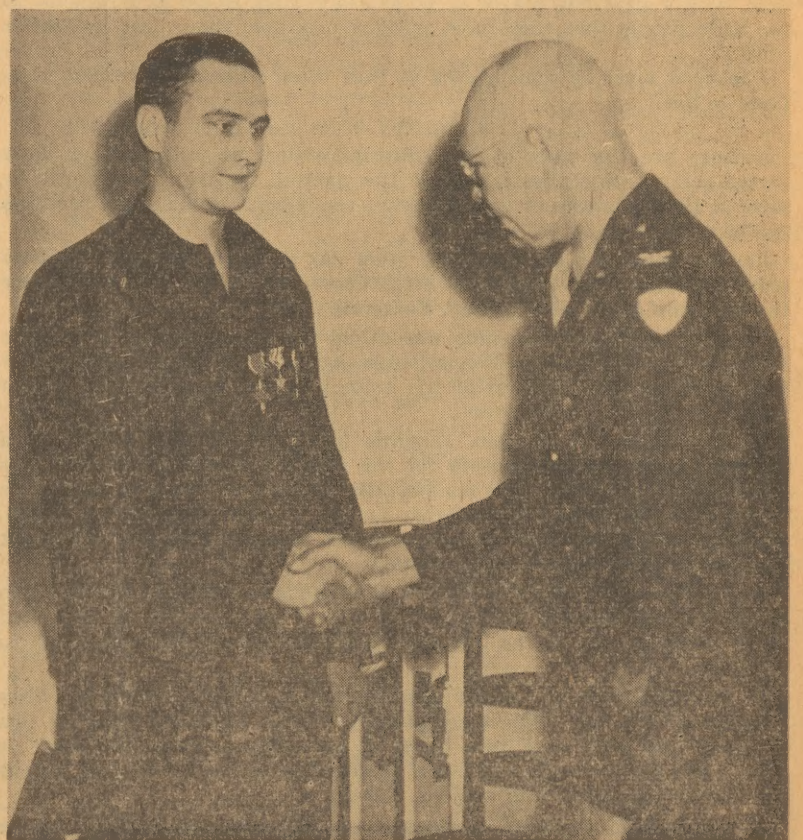
The resident staff will be composed of younger men returning from the war who are working toward certification by their specialty boards.

Dr. Gray was careful to correct a misstatement made in the Richmond press that while the majority of positions probably will be filled by Richmond men due to the location of the hospital, that "any medical returnee is eligible and may apply for a post there." The dean of the school stressed that only medical men who are qualified by their teaching experience at the school and who are certified by their specialty boards would be eligible.

The committee, which met Wednesday night, has been notified by Surgeon-General Paul Hawley, of the VA, that it must prepare for a 500-bed hospital to start and that the number of beds would be increased eventually to 1,250 as a maximum.

250 beds have already been set aside for paraplegic patients with another 250 for general hospital patients, according to Dr. Gray.

McGuire will be one of four centers throughout the country to care for paraplegic patients, the VA said.



TRIPLE-SWEEP—Pfc. Joseph Voelker, Jr., a patient in ward 11, hit the decorations jack-pot when he was presented with the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star and the Bronze Star by Col. P. E. Duggins, commanding officer of McGuire. Voelker earned all three of the awards within a three month period in combat engagements in France last year. All the medals were awarded to the combat infantryman from Pennsylvania for extraordinary heroism or gallantry in action.

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Writer's Cramp

What we are about to mention is a subject over which we have pondered at great length. We are well aware that in taking a stand in a matter as controversial as this, we risk crawling out on a limb as we ourselves saw away any means of visible support.

However, we feel that the subject merits comment and while we may be wrong in our attitude we would welcome any response from our readers concerning it.

The war just ended resulted in the loss of life to 250,000 U. S. soldiers, sailors and marines. These war dead lie in graves from Iwo Jima to Anzio, from Guadalcanal to Germany.

Currently, there is strong pressure being brought to bear on Congress to have the bodies of those killed in action returned to this country for reburial here. It is estimated that the cost of exhuming and transporting the remains of the warriors would exceed \$200 million. The cost in resurrected grief to those they left behind is immeasurable.

There is a plan before Congress to establish 79 new national cemeteries—at least one in each state—with plots for 5,400,000. The initial cost of that project would amount to some \$123 million.

This is not a thing to measure by a monetary yardstick. Nor can the issue be debated one way or the other on a purely metaphysical basis. Few of the dead ever indicated where they wished to be buried. Few of the dead had ever felt that they would be the ones to die.

It can be argued that the dead would prefer even in death to remain with the comrades-in-arms who fell with them. On the other hand, the pleas of the war-widows and parents for the return of the bodies is not something that can be disregarded easily.

Our personal feeling in the matter is perhaps of no import. Being a realist, we know that to those who died, the location of the final resting place makes little difference. Being a realist, we are aware that some people cannot mourn or feel that they have made a sacrifice without visible evidence to themselves and to all that they have suffered.

We have witnessed the presentation of many posthumous awards to next-of-kin of men who were killed in combat. It was our Army duty to write about these awards for various civilian newspapers. Too often in covering these stories we were shocked at the attitude of the recipients who flaunted their mourning clothes before the photographer whose job it was to snap them.

One case we recall was the complete callousness demonstrated by the wife of one deceased serviceman. With child in arm she primped for the photographer. It might have been the society page she was posing for. When the officer making the presentation pinned the Silver Star to her jacket, she turned to us and asked, "Would you send me a dozen copies of the picture? I'd like to send them to all my friends."

Of course, this reaction was by no means typical. We have felt like crying with many a bereaved parent over the loss of a son. No medal in the world is adequate compensation for such as those; no picture an accurate portrayal of emotion.

If we advocate the return of the war-dead to the United States, we have only one reason in believing that it would be a good thing. We would ask the lawmakers to include the proviso that these graves be visited once a month by the next-of-kin. And if anyone should ask us why, we'd reply that maybe a compulsory visit would bring home to the little people that they have suffered and that they must not suffer again.

The dead must be remembered so that those who are alive may continue to live.

Strange are the ways of the editorial writers on most of our daily newspapers. A fine illustration of the mental flip-flops performed by some of these geniuses of the typewriter are enough to make the sensitive reader retch.

For example, with the death the other day of Harry Hopkins, the boys behind the big desks trotted out every encomium in the book to eulogize the late confidante of President Roosevelt.

During his lifetime, Hopkins was called the "Richelieu of the White House," the "Svengali of Pennsylvania Avenue," nicknames that were mild in comparison to some of the more bitter epithets directed at the man.

By the nature of his job, Hopkins inevitably became known as a "mystery man." As an emissary for the wartime President, Hopkins was called upon to perform vital missions, the purpose of which could not be revealed to the press. He enjoyed almost complete freedom of action, working always on the basis of what he thought President Roosevelt wanted for the people of this country.

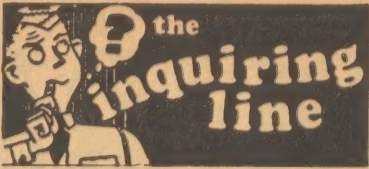
An 18-hour work day was common to Hopkins. He was doing a job he loved for a man for whom he had a deep affection. While cautioned many times to ease up, he disregarded all such advice and continued to kill himself.

In the meantime, the press pounded away at him mercilessly. They hammered him for "his incompetency." They hounded him in his personal life. Seen at a race track or attending a Broadway show or night club, the innuendoes directed at Hopkins by the press were vicious attempts at smearing him and his "Boss."

Now that both are dead, Hopkins is credited with the stature that he always possessed. The bitter memories are referred to only in passing and the glowing tributes are aimed at the very tasks he performed which had previously won him condemnation.

Once asked to sum up his philosophy, Hopkins said, "I'm working for the better day when Americans are going to live in decent homes—have no fear of unemployment—and look forward to old age, instead of dreading it."

And that's our contribution for the week. —D. F.



Q. My wife is "expecting" in March. Will I get point credit for the baby?

A. No. Only points calculated as of September 2, 1945, count.

Q. My home is in Oregon, but I was inducted in Texas. When I get out I hope to live in Massachusetts. Must I return to my home state or place of induction in order to cash in on the GI Bill of Rights?

A. No. The GI Bill is a Federal law, and your state of residence has nothing to do with applying for benefits under it.

Q. They're levying an assessment to put through a new highway in front of my home. This is OK, since it will increase the value of my property, but, being in the Army, I don't have the dough. Can this assessment be paid by a loan under the GI Bill?

A. Yes, after your discharge.

Q. I was inducted in December, 1942, and did not pay any taxes on my 1942 income during my enlisted career which ended last month. Is it true that I do not have a tax obligation on my 1942 earnings?

A. All of the income-tax liability of servicemen on income of 1942 that was attributed to earned income (wages, salaries and other income for personal services) up to \$14,000 was canceled to the extent, if any, that it exceeded the tax on 1943 income. On that basis, you have no tax obligation on pre-service income in 1942.

Q. I am a veteran of World War II who is going to farm and draw \$100 a month. Will that sum be taken from any future bonus that may be granted to me?

A. The recent amendment to the GI Bill of Rights removed the proviso that monetary benefits payable under the law to eligible veterans would be deducted from a future Federal bonus. As the law now stands, such benefits will not be deducted, and need not be repaid.

Bars and Stripes

To Technical Sergeant

T-3 Harriet J. Egan
S-Sgt. David L. Pollock

To Staff Sergeant

Sgt. Leonard E. Kautto

To Technician Third Grade

T-4 Lenora I. Duling
T-4 Harold W. Stevenson

To Sergeant

Cpl. Charles W. Coggins
Cpl. Sidney Diamond
T-5 Willis H. Booth

To Technician Fourth Grade

T-5 Clare G. George
T-5 Winona L. Hallock
T-5 Max Lopez
T-5 Harry Yewens

To Corporal

Pfc. Clarence Akins
Pfc. William H. Bergherm
Pfc. Dominick Felice
Pfc. John Scharschan

To Private First Class

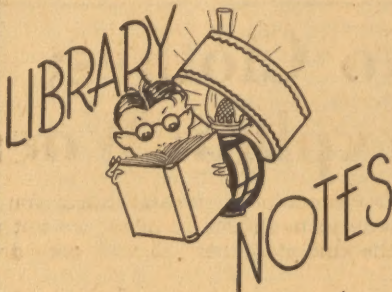
Pvt. Hershel Cohen.



"Now Roberts there, looks like he may have a rumor worth listening to."



"No, he doesn't do much, but somehow he always gets his promotions."



By Suzanne McLaurin Connell

As a library reflects the thoughts of people as clearly as a mirror reflects their faces, it is natural that books on housing and domestic architectures should be in tremendous demand at a time when the housing situation has become a national problem and is one of the foremost thoughts in the minds of so many people. Judging by the empty spaces on the shelves in our architecture section and by frequent requests from readers, many people here are studying the question and planning on homes for the future.

Many new books have been received at the library which should interest all, regardless of the specific housing problem. Whether it is an old house you're eager to remodel or whether you are planning to build or buy a new home, these books have varied ideas to offer. Maybe, too, you have no old house and no prospects of acquiring a new one, but would just like to spend a little time about such an ideal. Whatever your housing status you'll enjoy reading some good books on the subject.

Planning Your Home for Better Living, by Clarence Dunham and Milton Thalberg, is a fine book about housing "dedicated to those who look forward to the day when they can own their own home." It was written by two men well qualified to write such a book, for Clarence Dunham is associate professor of Civil Engineering at Yale and Milton Thalberg is advertising manager of Cosa Corporation. They know a great deal about house construction and are eager to pass their information on to you. They give excellent advice about construction, decoration, heating, financing, legal matters, landscaping and many other problems which confront the prospective home owner, whether he is planning to buy or build. You'll enjoy the excellent pictures, drawings and floor plans which add to the book's value.

Some other good books on this subject which your library has are First Aid for the Ailing House, by Roger B. Whitman; A Million Homes a Year, by Dorothy Rosenman; Tomorrow's House, by George Nelson and Henry Wright, and Houses for Homemakers, by Royal Barry Wills.

Special flying devices with speeds up to 1,400 miles per hour are reported to have been developed by Curtis-Wright, the magazine Flying reports.



POST THEATRE

Week of Friday, February 1. First show at 6:15 P. M.; second show at 8:15 P. M., daily. Matinee every Sunday at 2 P. M.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY—"Scarlet Street," with Edward G. Robinson, Joan Bennett.

SUNDAY & MONDAY—"Cinderella Jones," with Joan Leslie, Robert Alda.

TUESDAY—"Fear," with Warren William, Anne Gwynne.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY—"Because of You," with Deanna Durbin, Franchot Tone, Charles Laughton.

FRIDAY—"Tars and Spars," with Alfred Drake, Janet Blair.

Chapel Schedule

PROTESTANT

Midweek Service Wednesday evenings6:30 p.m.
Conference Room 12, Building 303.
Daily Services, Monday through Saturday inclusive, 8:00 a.m. in Red Cross lounge.
Sunday Service.....9:30 a.m. and, at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room, Bldg. 303.

CATHOLIC

Sunday Mass8:30, 11:00 a.m.
Daily Mass:
Mon. and Thurs.5:00 p.m.
Tues., Fri., Sat.6:00 a.m.
Confessions Sat.....6:30-8:00 p.m.

JEWISH

Friday Services.....7:00 p.m.

McGUIRE On the Air

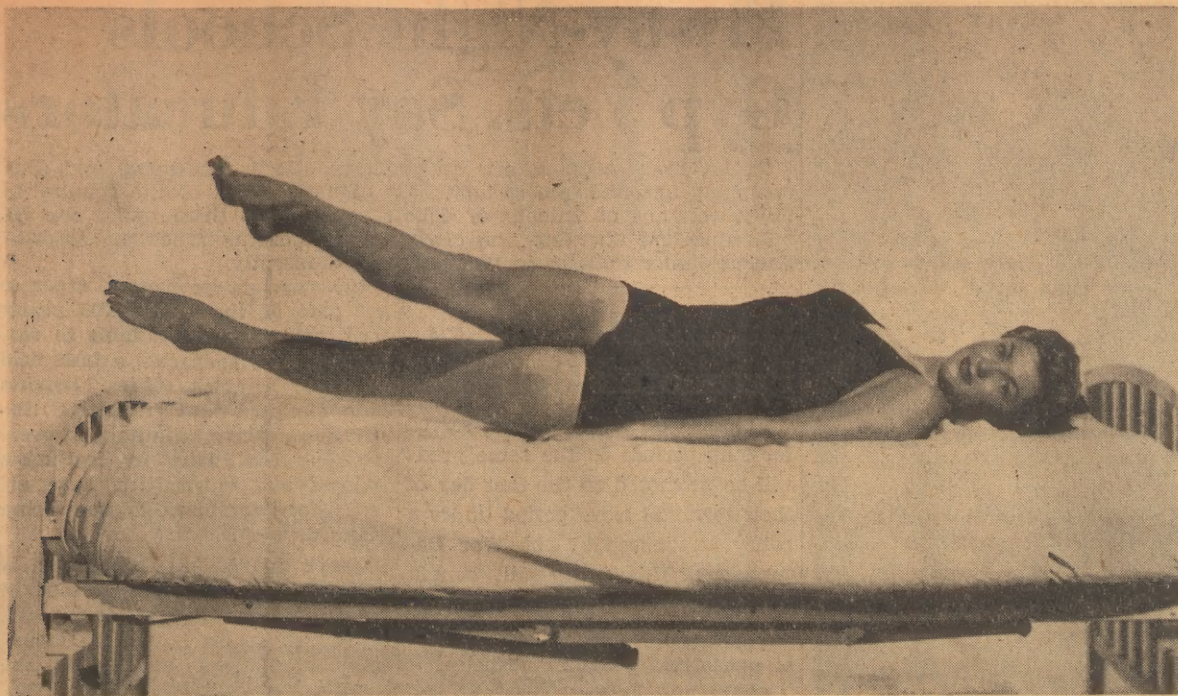
MONKEYSHINES AT McGUIRE

Wednesday, 7:30-8:00 p.m. WRNL HEAR AND SEE this hilarious quiz show at the Red Cross. Fun begins at 7 p.m.

OKAY AMERICA

Tues., 9:30-10 p.m. WRVA HEAR AND SEE this entertaining Show starring patients and mc'd by Joe Brown, transcribed in ARC auditorium. Show begins at 7 p.m.





SPLIT AND CROSS—As we promised readers of the BANNER last week, this will be the last of the pictures depicting Esther Williams in a hospital bed. Why Esther, a noted swimming star, was ever persuaded to pose for this series is more than any mortal will ever discover. If she was "doing something for the boys" we accept her contribution in good faith and will keep our big mouth shut on how else she might have aided them. Swimming in a pool, for example. At any rate, this exercise is intended to strengthen "the muscles of the abdomen and the flexors, abductors (?), and adductors of the thighs." So long, Esther, and let's get back on our feet now, hey, kid?

Vets Get No Clothes; Clothiers Explain Woes

Getting back into civvies has become a problem. And unless you have a blue serge pin stripe hidden away in mothballs at home, it's apt to be a long time before you can don the kind of clothes you have been dreaming about.

The garment industry is gripped by the worst shortage in its history and since VJ-Day the trade has been unable to supply the demand for suits. The situation is deteriorating, with no prospect of improving until spring.

The extent of the crisis is indicated by Marshall F. Jacobson, writing in the Daily News Record, publication of the clothing trade. He says that retail stocks are rapidly shrinking to zero and declares that, "Practically every store in the country has been selling clothing faster than it could be replaced."

Many reasons have been advanced to explain the crisis. The chief one seems to be that clothing stores exhausted all their reserve supplies during the war and have nothing to fall back on now.

"In normal times retail stores keep their inventories filled by drawing on a 'pipeline' that runs to them from the factory, explains Sam Loeb, senior member of Consolidated Clothiers, Inc., a firm which buys in the New York market for 150 stores throughout the country.

"This pipeline is usually filled with garments, and it maintains an even supply during the time lag when fabric fresh from the loom is made into a finished suit. But the pipeline was drained dry during the war and now there is no backlog. Just when the boys are coming home, our supply is nil. We're working on a hand-to-mouth basis and the stores are only getting dribbles."

Loeb believes it will take until April at least for the situation to begin to improve.

"Even then," he says "I think it will be necessary to shop around to find the color, size and style you want."

The National Association of Wool Manufacturers discloses in the Daily News Record that the limited amount of fabric manufactured for civilian use last summer is only now reaching the mar-

ket. At that time, the Association says, the government was getting 4,000,000 yards of wool every week, while 1,000,000 yards were allocated to civilians. Today, however, 3,500,000 yards of men's wool fabric is being produced every week for civilians.

In other words, despite the tremendous yardage being manufactured for civilian use, it will be several months before the fabric now coming off the looms reaches retail stores.

Perhaps the biggest bottleneck that clothing men face is a severe shortage of rayon and cotton which they use to make linings and pockets. In many cases they have the fabric from which to cut suits, but don't have material for the necessary "trimmings."

Another factor that may contribute to the barren racks in clothing stores is the widespread rumor that some manufacturers were deliberately holding back production in order to avoid paying the excess profits tax which went off the law books the first of January. The story is that they have made all the profits they can under 1945 tax laws and were stockpiling goods until this year. This tax angle has been used to explain shortages in many other fields besides clothing and became so common that it prompted a vigorous denial from Ira Mosher, president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Many retailers have inaugurated a priority system for selling to veterans. One Philadelphia shop recently advertised a special day during which it would cater only to veterans.

While preference may be a help it is no answer to the veterans clothing problem. And if you have any suits at home, it might be a good idea to write the folks to have them cleaned if they are dirty and then put away in mothballs until your return.

If you must have a new suit, one New York clothing man offers a suggestion. He says if there's a store where you trade regularly (or used to before the war), write to it a week before you go to a separation center and ask to have a suit in your size set aside. Or write your family and have them deliver your letter to the store. It's just possible that between the time you send the letter and get out, the store will get in a small shipment that will contain just the suit you want.

New Surplus Sales Rules Favor Vets

The Third Service Command last week outlined procedure by which veterans operating or opening small businesses may obtain, through retail or spot-negotiated purchases arranged by the Smaller War Plants Corporation, Army surplus property available at the Service Command Property Disposal Depot in Philadelphia.

The negotiated sale policy was adopted to help veterans procure such property as orchestra and band instruments, building materials, and automobile parts to use in their enterprises. Without this advantage, they would be required to purchase on the competitive bid basis normally provided for by War Department disposal regulations.

Here is the procedure:

Veterans apply first to a SWPC office (in Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Richmond, Norfolk, Roanoke, Scranton, Erie, Harrisburg, Reading, York, and Allentown), where their discharge papers and requests are cleared.

Then they submit a specific list of items desired, and SWPC learns from the depot whether the materials are in stock, the quantity available, and approximate condition of the goods. The request may be for a single item only.

SWPC next contacts the veterans, who communicate direct with the depot by letter or personal visit to submit prices they are willing to pay. Veterans must take their SWPC clearance forms with them or attach them to their formal bid letters.

(The depot prefers that the veterans inspect property personally, because all items are sold "as is" and "where is." Inspections may be made during regular business hours.)

Veterans' offered prices are forwarded by the depot to Service Command headquarters for necessary approval. This takes about five days. If approval is granted, on the basis of offered prices as compared with the estimated acquisition costs by the Government, if not actually known, the veterans pay cash—certified check or postal money order payable to "The Treasurer of the United States"—for the material.

Finally, the veteran sign contracts prepared at the depot for their signatures and take delivery. Items are sold F.O.B. the depot in Philadelphia. Freight expenses are borne by the purchasers.

The Army sells only surplus property valued up to \$300 at acquisition cost, estimated if not actually known. Larger volumes are turned over to other Governmental agencies for disposal.

Ingenuity Pays as Gl's Find Novel Employment

Trust the GI to be ingenious! Many a discharged soldier faced with lack of suitable employment once his civvie clothes were donned, has made up his own way of making a living by filling a consumer need in a novel way.

Hundreds of veterans are doing that these days. They're using the ingenuity that made them famous in combat. To it they're adding a dash of common sense and imagination. And when they come up with a brand new job, others are heard to say, "Why didn't I think of that myself?"

In California, for instance, a couple of navy veterans are hoping to cash in on an idea they picked up from submarine warfare. They're planning to hunt sharks by airplane. They remember how clearly fish used to appear in the water when they were patrolling in blimps and airplanes for enemy submarines.

So they begin to wonder why they couldn't use an airplane in the fishing business. Why spend all day in boats hunting around for sharks, when you could have a spotter radio the positions to you?

According to present plans, one of the veterans will spot the fish from an airplane. The other will operate a fishing boat which will bring the sharks in. The poor fish just won't have a chance.

Then there's a private in the army canine corps who is planning to make dogs his life work. He's going to establish a dog school to teach the animals "proper canine manners and obedience." On the side he will sell a complete line of "doggy specialties."

Two former marines from upstate New York are working on plans to open a renting service for motor scooters. You can hire the scooters by the day or by the hour, and they will be overhauled in between rides by the ex-leathernecks. The only problem now facing the partners is where to find the motor scooters. They've spotted a couple in the navy, but the navy has not declared them surplus yet.

Other enterprising veterans have looked around their communities to find out what new businesses are needed.

One in Virginia is working on a scheme to start a drive-in laundry. It will work like a drive-in hot-dog stand, or short-order restaurant, only the commodity will be laundry, not food. Housewives can drop their washing at the laundry when they start off on a morning's shopping. When they've finished shopping they

can pick up the laundry and take it home to iron in the afternoon. The veteran is hoping to provide the ladies with one-hour service.

A former soldier in the mid-west believes he has found a new market for photographers. He's going to start a business taking movies of families. He will record all the important family events like marriages, parties and children growing up. He's hoping to put a number of families on a long-term contract, and will provide them with a continuous, growing record of their lives.

There's a former lieutenant from Texas who wants to do something different with oil. He wants to start a plant to reclaim used oil from crankcases by filtering it and cleaning it through clay. He doesn't say what he'll do with the left-over clay. Maybe he'll reclaim that too.

Of course aviation plays a big part in many post-war schemes. A commander in the maritime service is thinking of building a small overnight stop-off field for pleasure-planes. The field will operate just like a roadside motor court. Tired air-travellers will drop in just around dinner time. They'll be put up in luxurious, airy cabins, and then will take off for parts unknown in the cool of the morning.

A variation of this theme is the air country club which a group of veterans would like to establish on the west coast. They don't have many details on the project. But apparently the club will operate rather like a golf club. Only instead of going off to play 18 holes, the members will take off for 18 hundred mile hops over the Pacific.

Incidentally, foreign trade is a big feature in many post-war business ventures.

One army officer who was stationed for some time in Australia, would like to import kangaroo leather to the United States.

And a long suffering-private has thought up an export scheme to end all export schemes. He wants to export chewing gum to North Africa, England, France, Belgium, Germany and Austria. Sounds like that private has really been around.

Signal Corps Vets Given Tips on Jobs

Communications men discharged from the Signal Corps who want jobs in the telephone industry have been urged by M/Gen. H. C. Ingles, chief signal officer, to take advantage of an employment service set up by Telephony Magazine. He said that if they write to R. C. Reno, vice president and editor, Telephony Publishing Corp., 608 South Dearborn St., Chicago, giving name, home address and division of the industry preferred (operating company or manufacturer), their names will be published so that employers may get in touch with them.

WD Eases Rules For OCS Washouts

Officer candidates who don't make the grade in OCS will no longer be required to serve a full year, the War Department announced. Those who graduate, however, must remain in the Army that long.

Other steps have also been taken to increase the appeal of OCS to EM. The heavy stress on training OCS men as platoon leaders for combat outfits has been shelved in favor of peacetime engineering at the Engineer Corps school at Ft. Belvoir, Va. And many of the wartime practices that made OCS grinds infamous have been dropped.

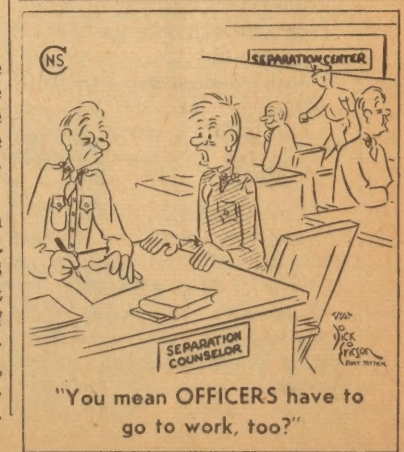
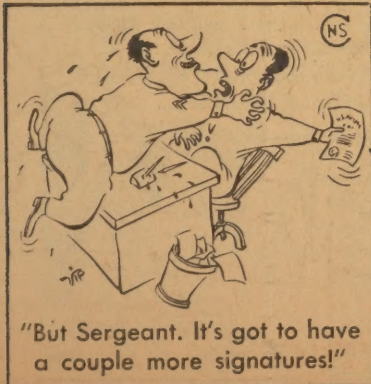
Discharges Reduce Divisions to Half

Half the Army's divisions and a third of the AAF have been inactivated as the result of demobilization. The War Department disclosed that 46 of the 89 divisions the Army had at peak strength have gone out of business, along with 5 of the 17 air forces. Five other air forces have been merged.

Infantry divisions disbanded are: 8th, 10th, 28th, 30th, 31st, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 41st, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 63rd, 65th, 66th, 69th, 70th, 75th, 76th, 79th, 85th, 87th, 91st, 92nd, 95th, 99th, 103rd, 104th, 106th, Americal.

Armored: 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 16th.

Inactivated air forces: 9th, 10th, 12th, 14th, 15th. Five others, the 5th, 7th, 8th, 13th and 20th, have been merged into a new Pacific Air Command.



Generals Risk 9-Game Streak Against Tech

By LT. CHRIS J. EDMONDS

Riding the crest of a nine-game winning streak, the McGuire Generals face the toughest collegiate foe of the current basketball campaign tomorrow night when they entertain the powerful Virginia Tech squad at the local gym.

Having avenged the only defeat of the season by edging out Hampden-Sydney College at Farmville last Wednesday, the Generals took it easy competitively this week after disposing of the Medical College of Virginia on the home court a week ago. The Medics, slated prior to the game as easy meat, put up a surprisingly stubborn battle before bowing by a 48-44 count.

Coach Al Bianco, well aware of the caliber of competition his squad will face tomorrow, spent most of the week devising a defense to stop Bushkar and Ruddell, the two aces of the Tech team, and to polishing his own offense.

"We know that if we can tie up Bushkar and Ruddell, we'll have gone a long way toward stopping the entire Tech team," Bianco asserted. "The plan we worked against Camp Pickett, when Russ Cromwell and Charley Wolf held their center, Sellers, scoreless the entire second half, should be effective tomorrow night. However, we've got a couple of other tricks up our sleeves which I believe will be pretty effective."

Bianco declined to reveal the surprises he has in store, but was highly pleased with the scoring prowess exhibited already by his three front line offensive aces—Forwards Ray "Dusty" Rhodes and Al Rinaldi, and Center Charley Wolf. The trio has accounted for 442 points in 17 games, more than half of the 837 points made by the entire squad.

The battle the three men are staging for the individual scoring lead is as interesting as the Generals' record of 16 wins against one loss for the campaign. Rhodes moved into the top spot this week by counting 18 points against Hampden-Sydney and MCV to run his total to 152. Rinaldi, held to 11 markers in the two games, dropped back to second with a 148 total, while Wolf remained third with 143 points despite a 20-point splurge the last two times out.

Although Wolf's total was best for the "Big Three," Dick Garrett's 21 points in the last pair of games paced the squad. Garrett, dubbed "Muscles" by the crowds at recent tilts, collected seven points against the Collegians and 14 against MCV for his part of the offensive action.

The Generals will have their work cut out for them in stopping Bushkar and Ruddell. The latter slammed in 17 points when his mates whipped Woodrow Wilson a week ago, while Bushkar, rated one of the best all-round hardwood performers in the state, added 11 from his guard spot. Coach George "Gummy" Proctor's squad is big, averaging over six feet in height, and will be favored to snap the Generals' win streak.

The Generals had their hands full at Farmville last week before winding up with a 41-40 decision over Hampden-Sydney, the team

which trounced them royally earlier in the season, 56-38.				
Trailing by 29-14 at the half, the Generals never held a lead in the ball game until the closing minute of play when Wolf slipped a two-pointer through the nets for the final margin. Even this narrow lead nearly was erased in the last second, when a side-court shot by Balas, Collegian forward, rolled round and round the basket rim before falling out as the gun went off.				
The Generals, apparently overconfident as they faced MCV on Monday night, managed to eke out a four-point victory despite a 24-point scoring splurge by Allara, Medic forward. Ahead by 26-12 at the half, the Generals tried to coast the second period and nearly slid right out of the ball game. Garrett's 14 points were high for the locals, with Rhodes and Wolf adding 10 and nine, respectively.				
Bianco announced today that the Generals would play in the Third Service Command's annual tournament on March 1 and 2 at Fort Meade. The Generals, with Camp Pickett, were selected from the Virginia district of the command on the basis of their present record.				
McGuire (41)				
	fg.	ft.	pf.	tp.
Garrett, f	3	1	2	7
Rhodes, f	4	0	4	8
Wolf, c	5	1	1	11
Rinaldi, g	4	1	1	9
Rabin, g	0	1	2	1
Cromwell, c	0	2	1	2
Windnagle, g	1	1	3	3
Totals	17	7	14	41
Hampden-Sydney (40)				
	fg.	ft.	pf.	tp.
Darden, f	1	2	1	4
Balas, f	4	2	0	10
Taylor, c	1	2	4	4
Blanton, g	3	2	2	8
Kostel, g	5	1	5	11
Greenman, g	1	1	4	3
Totals	15	10	16	40
Halftime score: Hampden-Sydney, 29; McGuire, 15. Free throws missed: Garrett 4, Rhodes, Wolf 4, Rinaldi 2, Cromwell 4, Taylor, Blanton, Greenman.				
McGuire (48)				
	fg.	ft.	pf.	tp.
Garrett, f	7	0	2	14
Rhodes, f	5	0	3	10
Wolf, c	4	1	1	9
Rabin, g	1	0	3	2
Rinaldi, g	1	0	0	2
Windnagle, f	2	0	0	4
Cromwell, f	1	0	1	2
Cheswick, c	1	0	0	2
Feltman, g	1	0	0	2
Conway, g	0	1	2	1
Totals	23	2	12	48
Medical College (44)				
	fg.	ft.	pf.	tp.
Allara, f	11	2	0	24
Adams, f	3	2	0	8
Oliver, c	1	0	0	2
Moses, g	2	1	2	5
Lothes, g	1	1	1	3
Peters, g	0	0	2	0
Thomas, g	1	0	0	2
Peveck, g	0	0	1	0
Totals	19	6	6	44
Halftime score: McGuire, 26; Medical College, 12.				



Pfc. RUSS CROMWELL

Battle-Royal And 6 Bouts Set for Gym

The arena is all set for tonight's card of amateur bouts, six in all, and the battle royal in which five blind-folded battlers will feel their way around the ring for the purpose of knocking each others' brains out.

The fights will commence at 7:00 p.m. in the gym here. Topping the card will be a three-rounder between Henry Veith and Tommy Goodwin, two of the outstanding amateur contestants in the state. The two battlers will slug it out in the 160-pound class.

Weighing in at 147 pounds are Stuart Dillard, for two years a Golden Gloves champ, and Shack Jameson in what promises to be a grudge fight. Both boys met last December when Jameson won a close nod over Dillard. The latter is stewing for revenge.

Rounding out the card will be a match between two 118-pounders, two bouts with the contestants in the 135-pound class and another slugfest at 160 pounds.

In the battle-royal, skill will be cast to the winds. The objective there is just to go in and slug, winner take all as well as a pound-ing.

The boxers on tonight's program represent the best amateur talent from the Norfolk and Petersburg areas. If attendance is up to expectations, the bouts will be staged regularly for patient and duty personnel here.

V-3?

In their campaigns against Anamese nationalists, the British announced capture of a native munitions center—a bow and arrow factory. Among the weapons they found was a tricky bow which shoots 5 arrows at a time.

Fly-by-Night Schools Gyp Vets, Say Educators

Quack, fly-by-night schools and colleges, totally inadequate and educationally unsound, are springing up in many parts of the country to mulct veterans of millions of dollars available to them under the GI bill, educators attending the closing session of the American Association of Junior Colleges convention, warned recently.

Unscrupulous promoters, eager to get part of the \$500,000,000 yearly that may soon be available to veterans, see in education a lush field to make a quick killing. Reports here disclosed that "racketeer" institutions, taking advantage of overcrowded conditions in legitimate colleges and universities, have already been organized, or were being planned.

Under the GI bill the veteran is entitled to a maximum of \$500 in annual tuition fees up to four years, depending on his length of service. This money goes directly to the school or college. The Veterans Administration gets an approved list of educational institutions from each State.

The college heads warned that in some States the officials were lax and that often second-rate and poorly equipped schools and even the "quack" type were accredited. This applied particularly, it was brought out, in the case of new commercial schools or colleges, frequently established for the sole purpose of getting on the Veterans Administration list and offering all kinds of inducements and making false promises to the veterans to get them to enter.

"Most of the fly-by-night schools are in the vocational fields," Dr. Arthur G. Paul, president of Riverside College, Calif., declared.

With adequate public or private facilities, the GI would not find it necessary to shop around for a good college, said Dr. Paul, who is president of the Southern California Junior College Association. He urged educators and community groups to oppose the establishment of institutions whose only purpose was to take advantage of the money available through federal tuition fees.

"There is a grave danger that millions of dollars will be filched by these unscrupulous institutions," Dr. Paul added. "The recognized colleges should cooperate with the Veterans Administration in protecting the returning servicemen."

A similar stand was taken by Prof. Leonard V. Koos of the University of Chicago, who warned that "quack colleges" were being formed throughout the United States, and added:

"The profit motive concerns them more than does professional standards."

He urged strengthening the accrediting system within the States, said the Federal authorities should step into the picture to prevent frauds and declared more facilities must be provided for both veterans and civilian students.

All signs indicate that "fly-by-night" schools will become more numerous within the next few years, according to Dr. J. A. Humphreys of Wilson Junior College, Chicago. He said these new institutions were advertising in metropolitan newspapers. A committee has been established to attempt to track down and put out of business the illegitimate schools.

Qualified Officers Promoted Quickly

Qualified officers who have served for long periods in the same grade will be promoted on the first day of their terminal leave period under a policy announced by the War Department. This policy will benefit many officers who have been unable to secure promotion because of lack of authorized position vacancies.

The ruling applies to second and first lieutenants who have served in grade 18 months, captains and majors who have been in grade 24 months, and lieutenant colonels in grade 30 months. In computing the necessary service, 50 per cent additional credit is given for time served overseas in grade. In order to qualify for the promotion, officers must have an efficiency index of 40 or higher.

Officers who already have reverted to inactive status and who are eligible under the provisions will be promoted in the Officers Reserve Corps or the Army of the United States, or in the case of National Guard officers, they will be given the option of commission in the ORC or the AUS.

National Guard officers will be informed that a selection of commission in the ORC will provide for automatic termination of commission in the National Guard; should they select commission in the AUS, they will be notified that such commission is temporary and terminates automatically at the end of the emergency plus six months and will not affect National Guard status.

Officers presently on terminal leave will be promoted as quickly as promotions can be processed before reverting to inactive status.

Business Notes

In Washington the United States Treasury Department was asked, "Does the Government furnish mineral rods to locate hidden money?" and in Fredonia, N. Y., a seed company received an urgent request for a shipment of sauerkraut seeds.

Paging Annie Oakley

Edington, Me.—While her son and grandson were out fruitlessly hunting North Woods game, Grandma Martin Hillier, 70, pulled a rusty shotgun from the wall, took a bead on a bear in her back yard, and bagged the shaggy fellow—first shot.

Ho-Hum Dept.

From Hollywood it is learned that cinema-star Cass Daley was hailed by US Marines as "Miss Ammunition Dump of 1945." The leather-necks insist it's a compliment.

Male Call



by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



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